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Please insert -- One end of the band 4 is connected with the respective tie member 2, while the opposite end of the band 4 is secured in the lock 5 installed in one of said supports 1.

When the elastic tie-members are extended, the means for tensioning the elastic tie members (in the form of the band 4) are shortened, i.e. the length of a section between the elastic tie-member 2 and the lock 5 is reduced.

*JMS* 7/7 The lock 5 is essentially a buckle comprising a square framing which internally accommodates a floating crossbar. The means for adjusting the tension of the elastic tie-members 3 made in the form of the band 4 is passed over the floating

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crossbar so that the end of the band 4 is disposed between the floating crossbar and one of the sides of the lock 5. In this case, when one end of the band 4 is pulled, the latter freely runs out of the lock 5, while a portion of the band 4 disposed at the opposite side of the lock 5 is shortened due to which of the elastic tie-members 2 are tensioned.

When the pulling force is applied to a central portion of the band 4 which takes place when the elastic tie-members are in the working position during treatment of a patient, the floating crossbar is shifted in the lock right up to the elastic tie-member 2 due to which the band 4 is firmly clamped and fixed. The bands 4 secured in the lock 5 are held therein both before and after the tensioning of the elastic tie-members 2.--